

DRAFT
Heartland Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2007
6PM
Greater Purpose Center
Rice, VA

Members Present: Royce Cersley, Bettie Hazelwood and JoAnn Torrence

Members absent: None

Others Present: Richard Gilman-Blue Ridge Services, Ed Helton, Jessica Marsh, & Mattie Walker-Helton House, Tony Wilbourne-Hope Tree Family Services, Gail Worrall-Family Preservation, Deloris Crite-Amelia Residential Estates, Mary Taylor-Mary's Rest Home, and Annette Johnson-The Madeline Center.

Others absent: Michael Jordan-Next Level Residential, and Stacia Macklin-United Methodist Family Services

Sherry Miles called the meeting to order.

Election of Officers:

Royce Cersley was voted to serve as Chair and Bettie Hazelwood was voted to serve as Vice Chair.

After Mr. Cersley was voted to serve as Chair, he presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes

The April 16, 2007 draft minutes were approved with a correction to the report from Family Preservation Services. The program added a school support program at Cumberland Middle School instead of a day treatment program as reported in the April minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made and passed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code, 2.2-3711 (15), for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the behavioral plan for JG (Helton House). This review necessarily involved discussion and consideration of mental and medical records excluded and information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. Members present were Royce Cersley, JoAnn Torrence, and Bettie Hazelwood.

Ed Helton of Helton House briefly reviewed the behavioral plan for JG, originally presented to the members on January 29, 2007. Helton House updated the committee on JG's progress and will do so again at the October 2007 meeting.

Upon reconvening to open session, the Committee voted to continue the behavioral plan for JG as written until the review scheduled for October 2007 meeting.

Recruitment

Sherry Miles advised the Committee that it remains functional as the Committee has three members. She reminded the Committee that if one member left the Committee, it would be non-functional and in violation of human rights and licensing regulations. She encouraged affiliates to recruit for a consumer, health care provider, and two professionals/concerned citizens.

FOIA Training

Sherry provided the Committee with their annual FOIA training.

Regional Advocate Report

Sherry advised the Committee that the human rights regulations were still in Governor's office awaiting his signature. Each Committee member and affiliated program will receive notification when the regulations go into effect if the effective date occurs before the next meeting. The SHRC/LHRC seminar has not been scheduled as of yet. Committee members and affiliates will receive more information about the seminar as it becomes available. Sherry did not bring Human Writes-Spring and will mail the newsletter to each member and affiliated program.

Affiliate Reports

Family Preservation Services

Gail Worrall reported the program is applying for licensure to add a day treatment program at Buckingham Middle School. There have been no other changes in the program.

Helton House

Ed Helton reported the program has two vacancies.

Mary's Rest Home

Mary Taylor reported the program has two vacancies and no other changes in the program.

Next Level Residential Services

Absent

VP&J Services

Richard Gilman from Blue Ridge Residential Services reported the program did not need the affiliation and the Committee will receive a letter from the provider stating this.

Hope Tree Family Services/Virginia Baptist Children's Home

Tony Wilbourne reported having five consumers in the program including a respite consumer with two openings. He anticipates that both vacancies will be filled before the next meeting. The program is planning to add an in-home support program. The program has two staff vacancies, which are close to being filled.

United Methodist Family Services

Absent

Madeline Center at Home

Annette Johnson reported the program has had no violations. The program is currently providing intensive in-home to about 10 consumers in the area.

Amelia Residential Estates

Deloris Crite reported the program has four consumers and two vacancies. No other problems were reported.

Blue Ridge Residential Services

Richard Gilman reported having one home in the area. He anticipates a consumer will move into that home in the next few weeks.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2007 at 6PM at the Greater Purpose Center in Rice, Virginia.

With no other information to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.